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ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curtly Told in This Column.

Coffee grown on American soil is on sale in San Francisco.

It is estimated that the Yakima county, Wash., hop output this season will be 16,000 bales.

The receipts of the Mexican National railway for the third week in August were $105,410.92.

At Pendleton, Oregon, Callahan, of St. Paul, Minn., bought 2200 lambs and 1700 ewes at $2.25 a head.

At Ellensburg, Wash., 120 cars have been engaged for the shipment of sheep to Eastern points, principally Chicago.

The Crow's Nest railway in British Columbia has been surfaced to Bullhead and trains are running to Cranbrook.

Electrical appliances sold to Mexico in June amounted to $23,621, an increase of over 20 per cent over the previous June.

The contract has been let for grading the first four miles of the eastward extension of the Sierra railroad from Jamestown, Cal.

The Colorado river bottom south of Yuma, Ariz., is annually covered for miles with wild hemp, which is susceptible of commercial use.

The sugar beet crop tributary to the Watsonville, Cal., factory is estimated at 65,000 tons. The factory started on its autumn run last week.

Salinas, Cal., is furnishing lime rock for the Watsonville and Spreckels factories. Three quarries have been opened on the Gabilan ranch.

The custom house receipts for the port of San Francisco for the month of August amounted to $567,273.49, the largest receipts for a single month in the records of the department.

The California Cotton Mills, Oakland, Cal., have increased their capital stock to $800,000. During the last three years there have been expended $120,000 for new machinery, etc.

Some time ago the Chilian Government offered a bonus of £24,000 to any firm or company which should establish an iron foundry in the Republic. Thus far no one has sought to earn this grant.

The Santa Fe office has been advised that the steamer Belgian King, of 3379 tons register, has been secured by the California & Oriental Steamship Co. to ply between San Diego, Cal., and Asiatic ports.

The report of the Northern Pacific railway for the year ending June 30th shows net earnings of $12,584,347; reserved for continuity of dividends on the preferred, $3,000,000; surplus forward, $387,703.

From San Francisco last week one ship, destined for Liverpool, Eng., carried 42,885 cases of canned fruit, 16,258 cases of canned salmon, 19,418 centals of wheat, 2,826 centals of beans, and 2,726 sacks of beeswax, the cargo amounting to $234,964.

The first half of this year shows an increase in Mexican exports to the U. S. of over $10,000,000. The total exports for the period reached $15,000,000. Imports showed an increase of nearly $1,000,000, of which the U. S. furnished over $600,000.

A $4,000,000 mortgage from the Spring Valley Water Works to the Union Trust Company of San Francisco has been filed. The mortgage covers all the Spring Valley property, and secures 4,000 bonds of $1,000 each. Attached to the instrument are $2,000 worth of revenue stamps.

Enrique C. Creel of Chihuahua, Vice-Pres. of the new Chihuahua & Pacific railroad, Mexico, says that the road needs 2000 more laborers, the labor question being the only one that hampers it at present. Mr. Creel expects the road to reach Guerrero by March of next year, and it will be three years before it reaches the Pacific.

Eucalyptus oil is being manufactured at Garden Grove, Cal. The crude oil finds a market with some railroads for the polishing of brass work; the refined oil is used for medical purposes. One ton of eucalyptus leaves yields from five to nine gallons of oil which, when refined, is worth $1 a pound. One gallon of the refined oil weighs eight pounds.

At Los Angeles, Cal., recently, was a rush at the land office to place filings on the 1,000,000 acres of land thrown open to settlement through the decision recently made in the overlapping land grant cases. The land extends from Pasadena to Tehachapi Pass. Places in the line sold for big sums. People had been waiting in line for three days.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Pacific Cable Co. plans were considered for establishing cable connection with the Philippines, the Asiatic coast, Japan and Australia, via Hawaii. Surveys for a duplicate cable via Sitka and the Aleutian islands were ordered. J. A. Scrymser, president of the Pacific Cable Co., will sail from Vancouver for Japan soon.

The total assessment roll of California for '98, as made up from the rolls of the various counties, foots up $1,130,362,341, an increase of about $40,000,000 over last year's roll. The following amounts must be raised by California this year: $2,553,502 for the general fund, $2,314,963 for the school fund, $141,435 for the interest and sinking fund, and 2 cents on each $100 for the State University. The tax levy is 48.8 cents for this year.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a call offering to redeem the outstanding bonds amounting to $14,004,500 issued to the Pacific railroads. Of this amount over $9,000,000 was issued to the Central Pacific, over $3,000,000 to the Union Pacific and over $1,500,000 to the old Western Pacific. These bonds will be redeemed at the treasury at a rebate of one-half of one per cent of their face value at any time during the month of September. This is on the basis of two per cent per annum.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, by a decision in the matter of the passenger rates disturbance of the Canadian Pacific, involving the propriety of differential passenger rates between eastern points and the Pacific coast, holds that the Canadian Pacific is not entitled to the differential contended for. The case is one of the most important that has been before the commission for a long time, the American railroad lines and the Canadian Pacific have been engaged six months or more in a war over passenger traffic between the East and West.

Contracts for the erection of a coaling station at Pago Pago have been invited by Commander Z. L. Tanner of San Francisco, who has the work in charge. The commander will not state the amount to be expended, but he says the work will be of a substantial character, and at least a year will be required for its completion. Lieut. Chamber, of the civil engineering department of the navy, will supervise the construction of the wharf and coal sheds. He will also provide for a water supply and take a complete topographical survey of the United States land surrounding the harbor. Commander Tanner says that no fortifications are to be erected.

GRAY IS APPOINTED.

Senator Finally Accepts a Place on the Commission.

Washington. — The President has named Senator George Gray of Delaware as the fifth member of the Peace Commission. This completes the personnel of the Commission, which stands: Secretary Day, Senators Davis, Frye and Gray and Whitelaw Reid. In selecting Senator Gray the President has given Democratic representation on the Commission. The appointment probably will necessitate the retirement of Mr. Gray from the British-American Commission, which is conducting its sessions in Canada, as this Commission will resume its work about the time the Peace Commissioners sail for Paris. The position was offered to the Senator several days ago, but at that time was declined. The President, however, further urged Mr. Gray to accept and his final agreement was secured.

Senator Gray is one of the best known men in public life, having been a prominent figure in the Senate for the last twelve years. He was born at Newcastle, Del., in 1840, and was graduated at Princeton. He served as Attorney-General of Delaware and later was appointed to the Senate when Thomas F. Bayard entered the first Cleveland Cabinet as Secretary of State. Mr. Gray has been in the Senate continuously since then, serving with distinction, being one of the recognized forces in debate and in the shaping of important legislation. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, thus making three members of that committee—Davis, Frye and Gray—on the Peace Commission. On foreign questions Mr. Gray has generally been regarded as opposed to expansion, his Senate votes having been against the annexation of Hawaii.

General Miles called at the White House shortly before the Cabinet meeting began. The meeting between the President and the commanding General was comparatively brief, lasting about five minutes, as the Cabinet was about to begin. It was a formal call of respect usual on the return of a high official.

MAIL FOR ALASKA.

So Far But One Batch Has Been Forwarded Up the Yukon River.

Seattle.—United States Mail Contractor Richardson of Seattle, who has an $80,000 yearly contract from the Government to carry the mails to Alaska for the next four years, is having serious trouble carrying out his obligations. So far he has sent but one mail up the river from St. Michael, the one taken north by the Alliance. The Postmaster at St. Michael is arranging to forward the mail on outside steamers, and the Government will charge it to Richardson and his bondsmen.

Richardson himself is missing. He is supposed to be somewhere along the Yukon arranging for winter delivery of the mails. No one has seen him for some time and his present whereabouts is unknown. The miners at St. Michael are said to be very much worked up about the non-delivery of the mails and will give Richardson a warm reception if he shows up there.

Richardson sent a man to Siberia on the steamer Del Norte to purchase Malamook dogs for the winter service. The agent was unable to secure but sixty-eight dogs instead of 500. The Siberian natives, it was found, raised but few dogs on account of their troubling the deer. The canines purchased were secured at Port Clarence and St. Lawrence island.

On reaching St. Michael Richardson was not on hand to care for the dogs. The agent had no money to pay the steamer freight and consequently disposed of them to the Alaska Commercial Company.

ALL EUROPE TALKS.

Battle-Ship Oregon the Theme of Foreign Naval Experts.

PRESTIGE GAINED BY OUR BUILDERS

Transsiberian Railroad to Open Up a Vast Commerce for the Pacific Coast —Keep the Philippines.

New York.—Irving M. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, where the crack battle-ship Oregon was built, arrived from Bremen on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. He spent most of his time abroad in Russia and induced the Czar to give the Union Iron Works a chance to build some battle-ships for the Russian navy.

Scott says the wonderful cruising and fighting ability of the Oregon is the talk of the naval experts abroad. The prestige of American shipbuilders has gone beyond even that of the English shipbuilders. A swift battle-ship, in the opinion of Russian naval authorities, is the war vessel of the future.

The fate of the Spanish torpedo-boat destroyers at Santiago has created the impression in Russia that the torpedo-boat is not as useful as it was supposed to be. Russians are inclined to put their faith chiefly in swift, heavily armored craft.

Scott says Russia has developed wonderfully in recent years. There is a great demand for merchant vessels of all sorts, and Scott thinks the shipbuilders of the Pacific Coast will have a chance to build for the Russians. Mr. Scott said that he went to Russia to further American interests on the eastern coast of Siberia, and, incidentally, to crack up the performances of the American-built ships of war. "Russia," he continued, "is undergoing marvelous industrial development in every direction. Railroads are being built and manufacturing is advancing rapidly. It is a great field for American industry, particularly on the Pacific Coast, near the terminals of the new railroad. Merchant vessels are in demand, and iron and steel will be needed, and it was to get our share of the trade more than anything else that I went abroad. My visit will, I think, result in our getting contracts for some of the new warships to be constructed for the Russian Government.

"Europe will continue to build her own war vessels. With the exception of the battle-ship and cruiser ordered by Russia from the Cramps last May, I do not expect to see American-built vessels flying foreign flags. In European ship yards I found tremendous activity and noted constant introductions of new appliances. Each country will naturally desire to build its own war ships. Europe will profit by the lesson the Oregon taught, but she will use the facilities of her own workshops and yards. Each nation seems to be putting forth its greatest effort to enlarge its sea power. Germany's naval plans show that in 1900 she will have nineteen battle-ships and forty-three cruisers. This is an indication only of the general activity.

"Our naval victory at Santiago was an eye-opener to all Europe. There had been a gerat deal of skepticism before about our navy. The Oregon was an object lesson to all the world in what a battle-ship can do, and now every one recognizes that our war ships are of the best. No such performance had been dreamed of abroad, and the prestige of our Navy rose to the highest point. There was keen interest taken in everything we did, going even to details. The destruction of the torpedo-boats was the cause of a revision of all foreign naval programmes. The battle-ship was elevated to the place and importance it deserves, and much doubt was thrown on the utility of torpedo-boats. In consequence all the powers have curtailed their outlay for these crafts and are going in more for heavily armed and armored vessels.

"Prince Michael Hilkoff, who was in this country a year or so ago, has taken a deeper interest in things American than any one else in Russia. I know him well. When I was in Russia he was superintending the construction of a branch road to Archangel.

"We should keep the Philippines. We won them fairly and they are rightfully ours."

British Imports Decrease.

Washington.—The fact that British imports into the United States have fallen off greatly in the past year, while American exports have greatly increased, has been announced from time to time during the year, but the full year's figures, just presented by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, bring to the surface some interesting details not heretofor published. These show that while the exports from the United States to the United Kingdom have increased 12 per cent, the imports from the United Kingdom have fallen off 35 per cent. The exports from the United States to the United Kingdom during the past year were, in round numbers, five times as much as the imports from the United Kingdom, the figures of the Bureau of Statistics being as follows: Imports from the United Kingdom, $109,138,365; exports to the United Kingdom, $540,860,152.

Pensioners in California.

Washington—The report of the Commissioner of Pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30th shows the total number of pensioners on the roll of California to be 16,981, and the amount paid them $2,442,231.

NEW TARIFF RULES.

Old Regulations of Spain Considerably Relaxed.

Washington.—Some changes in the Cuban and Porto Rican tariff rates have been approved by the President and cabled to the United States officers in these places. In the former rates on both islands the importation of oleomargarine and such products was prohibited; under the new arrangements it will be admitted at the same rate as is applied to butter. Another change was in the administrative features of the Cuban tariff. There was a provision that where goods were brought in and not entered for duty for ninety days the officer in charge could seize and dispose of them at public sale. Under the new provisions the ninety days may be extended to six months, in the discretion of the officer in charge. The Government is doing what it can to facilitate the operations of trade in the Cuban and Porto Rican ports that come into the possession of the United States. The department has advised representatives of large commercial houses in New York that bonded warehouses are badly needed, at Santiago particularly, and that the absence of these facilities is doing much to prevent commerce from resuming its normal channels and is imposing a loss upon American trade.

First Assistant Secretary Meikeljohn referred these complaints to the Secretary of the Treasury, who has replied:

"The customs arrangments as to Cuba are merely tentative and do not look to the immediate restoration of commerce to its natural channels.

"The establishment of bonded warehouses would entail the preparation of an elaborate system of counting and supervision which is quite impracticable under the conditions. As to the unequal requirements at the several ports, it may be said that no long interval of time apparently will interfere with the harmonious regulations as the ports pass successively under control of the United States forces."

Under the advice of the Secretary, Acting Secretary Meiklejohn sent the following telegram:

"Commanding General, Santiago: You are authorized to lease a building for the storage of imported merchandise not entered at the custom houses, upon which duties may be paid at any time within ninety days after importation, as provided in paragraph 14, Customs Regulations. Storage to be at the sole risk of importers and every expense connected therewith to be paid by importers."

Look for Seismic Disturbance.

Honolulu.—There is a general belief that there has been some tremendous seismic disturbance in the Pacific or that there is to be one. The other night the tide along the leeward shore of this island was the highest ever recorded, and the waves rolled in over the coral reef which fringes the entire shore with terrific force. The barometer for the last day or two has been forty points lower than normal, being 29.70, a thing that is very unusual and one that does not seem to be accounted for by any local conditions or anything otherwise observable in atmospheric conditions.

There is a sort of feeling that these conditions indicate volcanic action or earthquakes on the Island of Hawaii, at Kilauea, or some other point on Mauna Loa, and the next steamer due from Hawaii is awaited with interest. When the last steamer left there, however, the volcano was in the same quiescent state it has been for months.

All Europe Approves.

London.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Almost all of the European powers have sent favorable replies to the note of the Czar, and it is now regarded as certain that the disarmament congress will meet in St. Petersburg in November.

Rome.—The Popolo Romano announces that the Italian Government has decided to reply to the circular of Emperor Nicholas on the subject of a conference to consider international peace measures by an offer to second his proposal in every possible way.

Care of Fruit Trees.

A great mistake is often made in not giving proper attention to fruit trees. In the Spring, as soon as the leaves are out, they should be sprayed, and again after the blossoms have fallen. Never spray when the trees are in bloom, as it will kill the bees that come to gather the honey. We use about one ounce of Paris green to 12 gallons of water. A few years ago we neglected to spray our trees because we had so much other work on hand, and discovered our mistake when the fruit became wormy and began to drop off. Since that time we have sprayed and will continue to do so, for without it there is not much use in having fruit trees. We have two large green gage trees from which we gathered over 14 bushels last year and sold them for $2 per bushel. If you have started an orchard, keep the ground well cultivated and raise vegetables while the trees are small. The trees should be trimmed early in the Spring. In July or August go over all the trees and kill the borers. You can tell where they are by seeing some wood chewed up and lying on the ground around the trunk of the tree. The best way to get them out is to follow the holes as far as you can with a pocket-knife, then run a thin wire in as far as you can and it will kill the borers.

Let fowls have free run of the clover field two or three times a week, turning them into it during the dry part of the day, but never after a rain or in the early morning when the dew is on the grass.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Some Interesting News for the Ruralist

SPOKEN OF IN THIS COLUMN.

A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist.—Items That May Benefit our Readers.

Take Good Care of Farm Tools.

I have always considered money invested in tools as much of a man's actual capital as that in live stock or real estate and care of one as essential as the care of the other. Upon many farms plows, harrows, reapers, etc., are left standing in the field where used or in the yard uncovered, save perhaps by the rather leaky roof of a tree, uncared for, only as nature covered each with rust or mold. And still the cry goes up from these same farmers of hard times, and so they will be next year harder than ever, when these tools are called into use and found broken, or worse, rotted and rusted out, entailing delays for repairs when work is pressing, or the expense of new ones.

The owner of one farm I visited is considered a scientific farmer. And so he is as far as preparing the soil, growing his crops, and caring for live stock is concerned, but there it ends. I never saw cows slicker or better fed and housed; horses whose glossy coats and tossing heads told plainer than words of plenty of oats and care. Just out in the yard, not a stone's throw from the warm stables, I saw three plows, two cultivators, spring tooth harrow, hay rake, and as the auctioneers say, "other articles too numerous to mention," without cover save the snow which was fast drifting over them. No lack of storage room here, for there are unused sheds and barns on the farm, enough to store five times the amount. It seemed to me there was no excuse for such negligence, when an hour's work would have housed them all.

During the time of use many tools have to be left in the field exposed to sun and rain for days at a time, but when not in use they should be sheltered. And late in the season or during the winter each tool should be examined, and put in order for the coming spring. My plan is as soon as the hurry of work is over in the fall, to inspect each tool and if a plow or cultivator, to scour the points, etc., tighten the nuts, put in new bolts if necessary, and then with warm linseed oil brush over the entire implement, castings and woodwork. When springtime comes there is no guesswork about the tools. They are ready every time. A farmer can do much repairing himself if he tries, and with but few tools. A small stock of bolts and screws should be kept on hand, and a few sticks of choice timber for emergencies. The butt of that young hickory or oak cut last winter, had it been placed in some dry place, would have been the thing for some of our repairs and better timber than is often found at the shops. You wanted a short whiffle tree last year when you cultivated corn. Make one now and get it ironed while work is not pressing. Take it to the blacksmith when you take the teeth from the spike-toothed harrow to be sharpened, and do not put it off until springtime.

I do not hold myself as a paragon in the farm line. I know that this theme has been talked and written upon ever since agricultural papers were printed, so mine is no new idea. And yet one-half of our farmers "and those even who read the papers" go on in the same old way, storing their tools out of doors and paying for repairing enough to hire a man to care for the tools. To say nothing of the vexatious delays caused by the breakage of rotten woodwork and rusted castings.—J. H. Bowerman in Orange Judd Farmer.

Hatching By Incubators.

Hens cannot be depended upon to hatch and raise broods in winter; one must wait for them to become broody. Even if inclined to sit, they can hardly be spared for that purpose when eggs command the highest price. Artificial hatching is a necessity in the winter, and the pains now taken in the manufacture of incubators, of which there are many doing good work, makes the hatching of chicks in the coldest of weather, once so difficult, now possible and easy. An incubator can be controlled and used when most needed, supplying the real want of hatching chicks in large numbers, so that advantage may be taken of the high price paid for broilers in the early spring. This work is done at a season when there is leisure, one incubator doing the work of from ten to fifty hens.

In this, as in any business, one must learn that there is a risk, and that some fail cannot be denied, yet very many succeed, and patient persverance and a fair amount of common sense will surely conquer in the end. An incubator pays, even if used only the last week or few days of hatching, assuring chicks free from lice, one great cause of mortality, and saving all crushing of chicks in the nest by hens. Used in connection, it works well. Still, we have the testimony of hundreds that, side by side, an incubator well managed will far excel the hen in winter hatching.

Raising chicks in winter by hens is hard to accomplish, even under the most favorable conditions. The space occupied by one hen and brood would easily accommodate fifty chickens alone. Often when the chicks are three or four weeks old she commences laying, and they are left motherless. Unlike a hen, a brooder is ready to hover chicks at all times. Even if hatched by hens, a vast amount of labor is saved by the use of brooders, and with them one hundred chicks can be as easily cared for as ten. Confined as they must be in small quarters, they are safe from destructive animals.

Great care should be taken not to keep the brooder or houses too warm, and the heat should be gradually reduced as they increase in size. Give them fresh air from the first, with plenty of sunlight. Make the condition in every respect as near like a May day as possilbe. An open shed connected with the house, where they can run in and out at will, is desirable. Much depends upon the quiet and care of the first week. Feed hard-boiled eggs with three times the bulk of bread crumbs, or bread and milk for the first two days. Cooked food is safe always—corn bread, dry oatmeal, wheat and cracked corn as they grow older; green food of almost any kind for variety; grit is required from the first, egg shells, oyster shells, charcoal, etc.; fresh water always. Study their wants, and be sure that when the unhappy peep is heard something is wrong; to grow rapidly they must be made happy.

No business, much less that of hatcihng and raising chickens, can succeed without personal supervision. They suffer from neglect, and should be regularly cared for each day. There should also be fondness for the work: "Love makes all labor light."

There must be thought and careful attention to details, with gentleness, if one hopes to succeed.—Mary Moody, in American Poultry Yard.

Poultry Notes.

Do not set eggs from the small breed under large hens, because they are likely to break them.

To purchase eggs is the least expensive way to get a start of fine poultry, but it takes longer.

Expensive poultry houses are for the rich and should hinder no one from going into the business.

Select the breed you like best, take the proper care of them and depend upon it, they will take care of you.

Chickens, turkeys, ducks and guineas kept in the same yard will be almost certain to end in failure and disappointment.

Where one breed is wanted and that for general use choose the Plymouth Rock or Wyandottes and you will be safe.

Where hens are moved from one place to another during the laying season, they will diminish laying, or perhaps stop for a while.

Farmers who have a patch of wet land, marshy and almost useless, could get a little return from it by keeping geese. A few would get most of their summer food from such a spot and will pay better in proportion to their cost than any other stock on the farm.

Fowls in confinement if not kept busy with scattered small grains or a yard to scratch in, will soon neglect their food, especially if fed corn, and get into the habit of pulling feathers from one another. Feed less corn and for a week do not give any food in the morning. At night feed lean meat chopped fine, and every other day as much green stuff as they will eat.

As a rule, little grain should be given fowls during summer, and if possible avoid feeding corn. Fowls need nitrogenous foods largely in warm weather, such as cut clover, cut bone, meat, cabbage, potatoes, skim milk and the like. Corn in the winter supplies needed warmth and fat, but poultry would be much better off if it was dropped entirely from summer rations.

The surplus stock that has ceased laying and that will not be profitable to take into winter quarters should be put on the market in good condition. Confine them in a yard of limited dimensions, by themselves, for two or three weeks and feed wheat and corn morning and night, with a mixed ration at noon. They will gain a pound or two in weight, which will pay for the extra care and food and go to market plump gnd in good condition.

The Minorca-Langshan cross gives good fowl for winter egg production. The eggs are large, there are lots of them and the hens are as bright, lively and vigorous as one could wish for. A cross which gives a smaller but richer colored egg and a better fowl for market is the White Leghorn-White Wyandotte. This latter cross may some day be bred and selected until it is made a perfect breed for laying what is wanted, a Leghorn with a dark-shelled egg.

It is a good plan in summer, when the roads are dry, to scrape up a few barrels of dry dust from the roads and put it in barrels in the hen house. It makes excellent dust baths for hens in winter, and a little sprinkled over the hen droppings will prevent waste. The road dust itself has considerable fertility, as it is largely made up of excrement of grain-fed horses mixed with fine earth. But the most important fact about road dust is that the chickens will rid themselves of lice by wallowing in the dust if they have a chance. The dust kills the lice by stopping up their breathing places.

Found a New Planet.

Boston.—A cable message from the European Union of Astronomers to Messrs. Chandler & Ritche announces the discovery of a minor planet with a remarkable orbit, which overlaps to some extent that of the planet Mars. The message contains also the positions of the object whereby it may be shown by those possessing telescopes.

PLAYS A WISE GAME.

Kaiser Said to Be More Friendly to the United States.

NO DESIRE TO MEDDLE AT MANILA.

His Attention Now Turned to the Land of Palestine, With Diplomacy and Religion Mixed.

New York.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Signs are not lacking that the relations between the United States and Germany have improved during the last month. I am informed by one of the keenest American observers in Germany that there is no possibility that the Berlin Government will embarrass Washington by its action on the Philippine question.

The attitude of the Foreign Office on all questions of neutrality was strictly correct during the war, according to this witness, and nothing the German Admiral did at Manila was calculated to disturb the relations between the two countries. Germany sent a large fleet to Manila because it is accustomed to deal with foreign questions in a heavy way. One ship would have sufficed for the protection of German interests, but five were ordered out because that was the characteristic method of procedure for that Government. There was unquestionably pressure brought to bear upon the Madrid Government for obtaining a cession of one of the large islands of the group to Germany, but this was not regarded at Berlin as an act directed against the United States, but merely as a natural practice method of promoting business interests.

When, however, it was learned that these tactics were creating bad feeling in America the policy was changed. The Government has no intention of injuring the trade of the country by antagonizing American interests, and war with the United States is the last thing which is desired at Berlin. While these views may seem optimistic, I repeat them because the source of information is absolutely trustworthy, and because also there are increasing signs that the movement which is drawing England and Germany into more congenial relations will strongly influence German opinion toward America.

There has been nothing more remarkable in the diplomacy of the period than the cleverness with which the German Emperor has interested himself in the Near East, when the attention of all European powers was preoccupied with complex questions and intrigues of the Far East. It is something more than transitory caprice, for it follows a protracted period of diplomatic activity, during which he has earned the Sultan's gratitude, and in spite of the assumed Russian protectorate at Constantinople, of the old-time French claim of guardianship over Syria, of English occupation of Egypt, the German Emperor with his religious pilgrims will enter Asia Minor like a prospector, with German claims ready to be staked out in future if he finds any signs of land of a promise for effective colonization.

This is the view taken of the pilgrimage in Russian circles, and disclaimers from Berlin are regarded with suspicion. Count Muravieff may not be so much of an optimist as his imperial master respecting the practicability of disarmament by systematic international action, but he has probably perceived the adavntage of diverting the attention of Euorpe from the imperial pilgrimage of Jerusalem.

WORK FOR ORDNANCE MEN.

Board Named to Inquire Into Efficiency of Rifles.

Washington.—General Flagler, Chief of Ordnance, has appointed a board of ordnance officers to examine into the efficiency of modern army guns as shown by the war. The board, consisting of Majors Blunt and Taylor and Captain Burr, will hold its sessions at Montauk Point and will call for expert opinions from various regular Army officers who served at Santiago.

It is the especial object of this board to determine the relative merits of the Springfield 45-caliber rifle used by the volunteers and the 30-caliber Krag-Jorgensen in use by the regular Army. They will also carefully inquire into the efficiency of the Mauser rifle used by the Spanish and the field and siege guns which General Shafter used at Santiago.

It is said by ordnance officers who were at Santiago that remarkably fine work was done by the small field mortars. At a distance of three miles four out of five shells could be dropped into a space four yards square.

Rejected By Fitzsimmons.

Ashbury Park. — Fitzsimmons was seen regarding Groom's offer of $17,000 for a fight with Sharkey before the National Athletic Club of San Francisco. The champion said that in the first place he would have nothing to do with Sharkey. He had already beaten him fairly and squarely. He had been robbed of the decision and the purse by Groom, Gibbs, Lynch, Sharkey and Earp, and was done with Sharkey. "I am not sore on San Francisco," continued the champion, "but I do not like this combination of Groom's." Fitzsimmons, in closing, said that if Groom wanted any further information he must go to Julian.

Mr. Thomas of Los Angeles, Cal., goes to Honolulu, U. S. A., to raise oranges for local consumption and vegetables, etc., for the United States Pacific coast line during the close season thereon.

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HAVING no sound, legitimate issue to advance, the Democrats are riding the same old hobby-horse that they have ridden for the past twenty years—the Southern Pacific railroad.

THE Republican ticket, from Governor down to Constable could hardly be bettered—certainly not by a Galliger.

THE attempt being made by the Examiner to bring church matters into politics this fall is a certain indication of the weakness of the democratic cause.

HAVING failed to find a weak point in the Republican candidate for Governor, Henry P. Gage, the Democrats have turned their attention to attacking his friends of their own chosing.

ONE of the cleverest young men in the county is the Republican nominee for county surveyor, Newton V. V. Smyth of Santa Rosa. Mr. Smyth is not only an excellent neighbor and citizen but is one of the best qualified men in the county for the position to which he aspires, and none are more worthy of the support of the electors of this commonwealth.

THAT old Democratic war horse, Senator Morgan of Alabama, says that the Pacific railroad question is settled, but the Democrats of California being without any other issue on which to make a campaign, still cling to their old hobby and will endeavor to railload it through at the polls.

FRANK J. MURPHY, Republican nominee for Sheriff was in town Saturday. Mr. Murphy is one of the brightest young men in the county. He represented the 16th assembly district in the State legislature for two years and was considered one of its most capable members. For nearly four years he filled the position of deputy sheriff under the present incumbent and was one of the most competent and faithful members of the staff. If elected this fall, which he assuredly will be, he will make a splendid officer.

ATTORNEY R A. Poppe is out this week looking after his political fences. Mr. Poppe, who is a candidate for State Senator, is one of the best mentally equipped men in the county for the position to which he aspires. Although not as ready a talker as some of the born orators, he is a deep thinker, an accurate, concise worker, has a good knowledge of law, and is thoroughly identified with every interest of Sonoma county. Besides this, it can be said of Mr. Poppe that he is thoroughly conscientious and honest and will be a credit to both the party and the county that sends him to the State Senate.

SOMERS B. FULTON, in his quiet, unassuming way, dropped in to say "good morning" to the NEWS man while in town Saturday. So satisfactory has Mr. Fulton discharged the duties of his office as county clerk that he had no opposition at the Republican convention, and we believe it would have been a wise move for the Democrats to have indorsed his nomination. The people of Sonoma county can do no better than retain Mr. Fulton in the county clerk's office.

A REPUBLICAN ORGAN.

A new paper called the "Political Outlook" made its appearance in Petaluma this week. The paper is Republican in politics and is edited by Arthur Adams. The Petaluma Republicans have felt the need of a party organ for the past few years as since the Argus deserted the party it has been without a representative paper.

CALENDAR DAY.

DEPARTMENT ONE.

A long list of estate cases were disposed of by Judge Doughtery Monday morning. Following is the complete calendar in his department:

The will of George Hirth was admitted to probate; Fred Hirth was appointed executor without bonds.

Final account was settled and distribution ordered in the estate of Catherine Tann. The same order was made in the estate of Mary McNally.

Lucy M. Campbell was granted letters of administration the estate of Joseph Campbell; bonds $800.

Letters of administration on the estate of Albert L. Seeley were issued to Emily Seeley; bonds $300.

Susan M. McDorough was appointed administratrix of the estate of Chris Nicholar; bonds $1800.

A. R. Buckner was appointed administrator of the estate of Andrew Cassassa; bonds $160.

The first annual account of Jennie L. Spridgens, executrix of the will of Walter Spridgens, was settled.

The final account of the administrator of the estate of John L. Spridgens was settled and distribution ordered.

Mattie V. Wilkinson was appointed guardian of Alfred Wilkinson, et al., minors; bonds $250.

Further hearing of the mattters connected with the estate of Joseph L. Clark was continued to Sept. 13.

Hearing on a petition to set aside estate to widow in the estate of Jas. L. Clark Was continued to Oct. 3.

Plaintiff's petition for a writ of assistance was granted in the case of Bank of Ukiah vs. John S. Reed.

Motion to reopen cause was denied in the case of Santa Rosa bank vs Anna M. Lewis.

The case of D. S. Shinn vs John Daly was set for October 11.

S. G. Wilsey vs John Daly was set for Oct. 12.

The insolvency matter of H. W. Hudson went over to Sept. 19.

The case of Hunt Bros. vs Randolph was set for Nov. 1.

The case of A. Bonaiti vs S. F. N. P. railway was dropped from the calendar as settled.

DEPARTMENT TWO.

In Judge Burnett's court Bonefazio Bartolomie was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. The case was continued to Sept. 19 when it will be set for trial.

The following cases were continued to Sept. 19: Mary Baptiste vs. Manuel Baptiste; Leona Silvia vs. John J. Silva; Wm Barry vs Thos. Barry; Wm. Barry vs Thos. and Julia Barry.

The case of C. H. Pond vs H. H. Meyer was set for Sept 27.

Miss Annie Hinkston was appointed guardian of the person and estate of Ann Tims; bonds $2000.

Real Estate Transfers.

Thos T Heald to O O & Antoinette Cobb, Sept 6, '98; lot on Main street, Guerneville, adjoining school house lot; $100.

J H L Gerckens to Caroline Robinson, July 9, '98; 49.44 acres Cotati rancho, adjoining Jehle-Ronsheimer, Massa; $6,000.

Ira C Jenks, commissioner, to Pauline Keser, Sept 9, '98; 268 acres in sec 26, 35 and 36, tp 8, r 7,; $1844.27.

Santa Rosa lodge No 53 I O O F to Robt Gunn, Nov 12, '92, lot 29, Odd Fellows' cemetery, Santa Rosa $27.

Peter Wiley and wife to B F Joy and wife, Sept 10, '98; lot 23 on the west side of E street addition to Santa Rosa, $150.

A Gold Mine.

A two-year-old daughter of Felicia Pagani, while playing with a five-dollar gold piece last week, swallowed the coin. No harm seems to come to either the child or the coin, but the former is held as a "precious little darling."

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The Crop and Prices of Grapes.

Buyers are now in the field contracting for the wine grapes. Many of the growers who are entangled in the Wine Makers' corporation meshes are undecided what to do; outside growers are not overly anxious to accept the prices offered generally.

The best figures offered thus far are those of Gambitz & Dolhugay, a San Francisco commisssion firm, who are purchasing to fill numerous small orders from San Francisco fishermen and others who want to make their own wine.

This firm has contracted for 1800 tons of Sonoma county black grapes. They name no special varieties and agree to pay $9 a ton delivered on board the cars at the nearest railroad station. They have bought 400 tons at Cloverdale and some 1,400 at and around Geyserville. They are now out of the market, having purchased enough to fill their orders.

The Cloverdale Wine company are now offering $6 and $8 a ton, the highest figure being for dry wine grapes, and the lower for sweet wine varieties. The Cloverdale firm have not bought very heavily at these figures. The San Francisco firm deducts 4 per cent to cover shrinkage.—Republican.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker each day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying Electrict Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Ed Wegner's Drug Store.

Miss Minnie Coulter, Democratic candidate for superintendent of schools was in town Thursday.

The Discovery of the Day.

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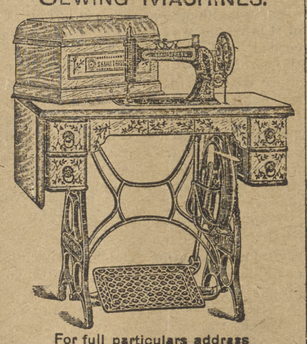

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Under authority of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of the County of Sonoma, State of California, dated August 29th 1898, I will sell at private sale the following described real estate: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate in the City and County of Sonoma, State of California, being known and designated on the official map or plat of said City as Out Lot No. 512, containing 19 acres more or less; Also that strip of land situated in said Sonoma City, known and designated on said official map as that piece of land in the City of Sonoma, extending between Lots No. 501 and No 512, and described thus, to wit: The Southern half or moiety of said Street between said lots, being 333 yards in length and 2½ yards in width, and containing an area of two roods and 39 perches, more or less.

The sale will be made on or after September 28th, 1898, and bids will be received at the office of O. C. Pratt, Claus Spreckels Building, San Francisco, State of California. Terms of sale: Cash Gold coin of the United States, Ten per cent of the bid payable at the time of the sale and balance upon confirmation by the Court.

A. F. WADE
Administrator of the Estate of W. F. Wade, deceased.
Dated August 29th 1898.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of JEAN BAPTISTE BARBARIN, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Lorenzo Modini, executor of the will and estate of Jean Baptiste Barbarin, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said executor, at his residence, on First street east, in the city of Sonoma, Sonoma County, State of California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the county of Sonoma, State of California.

LORENZO MODINI,
Executor of the will and estate of Jean Baptiste Barbarin, deceased.
Dated at Sonoma, July 12th, 1898.
ROBT. A. POPPE,
Att'y for Executor,
SONOMA, Cal.

TO THE FATHER OF BOYS.

A Few Words of Advice Which Our Parents Should Heed.

Have you a son between 13 and 35 years of age who is lifeless and stupid; whose face is pimpled appetite poor; pains in the back; nervous twiching of the eyes and other parts; suffering from sleepless, restless, nights night sweats, palpitation of the heart, indigestion, constipation: cramps in legs and arms; bashful always avoiding company of opposite sex—who has no energy, and is unfit for work or study?

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Leaves Sonoma		Effective June 29 '98	Arrive Sonoma	
Week days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Week days
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	San Francisco, San	10.25 a.m.	10.05 a. m
3.30 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Rafael intermediates	7.15p.m.	7.20p. m
10.05 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen and	8.10a.m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37p.m.	3.30p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Petaluma, Santa Rosa	10.25a.m.	10.05 a. m.
3.30 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	and intermediates.	7.15p.m.	7.20p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8 10 a. m.	Cloverdale, Healds-	.....	10.50 a. m.
3.30 p. m.	.....	burg, intermediates.	7.15p.m.	7.20p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Ukiah and	.....	10.05 pm
3:30 a. m.	.....	intermediates	7.15p.m.	7.20p. m.
6:18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Sebastopol and	10.25 a.m.	10.05 a. m.
3:30 a. m	3.37 p. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Guerneville and	.....	10.05 a. m
3.30 p. m.	.....	intermediates.	7.15p.m.	7.20p m

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Past Week in the Pioneer City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss May Estes is visiting her mother this week.

F. Burris spent a few days in San Francisco this week.

Rollo Smith and brother G. O., spent Sunday in San Rafael.

Dr. and Mrs. Haslinger returned to San Francisco on Monday.

Mrs. S. Schell, of Schellville, was visiting friends in Sonoma Tuesday.

George Spencer of San Francisco spent the Sabbath with friends here.

Mrs. Cammary of San Francisco was the guest of Mrs. A. Bates Sunday.

F. W. Bean left Monday for Kenwood where he is to bore several artesian wells.

D. D. Davisson of Santa Rosa, spent a couple of days in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Vogal of Vallejo were the guests of Mr. Watriss last Sunday.

Mrs. Emparan has returned from a week's visit with Mrs. Frisby at Vallejo.

Frank Dowd, democratic candidate for assessor was in town this morning.

Buy your apron ginghams at the Racket Store in Petaluma, 4, 5, 8 and 10 cents a yard.

G. H. Hotz was in the metropolis Wednesday purchasing goods for his fast increasing trade.

At the Racket Store in Petaluma they sell butter-cloth at 4 cents and cheese bandage at 6 cents a yard.

Miss Edith Proctor of San Francisco is spending a couple of weeks with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ames.

Mr. and Mrs F. M. Ames and their lady guest attended the Admission Day celebration at Napa last Friday.

G. O. and Rollo Smith were among the Sonoma contingent at the Napa Admission Day celebration Friday.

G. O. Smith of San Francisco spent a few days here this week with his brother Rallo and his uncle G. H. Hotz.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson after spending several weeks on the Watriss place have renturned to their home in Oakland.

The City Council at the meeting held Monday evening fixed the tax rate for the city at 40 cents on the $100 assessment.

Mrs. Augusta Poppe of San Francisco, and her grandson, Walter Ingler of Berkeley, are guests of Mrs. A. J. Poppe.

For scroll work or ornamental wood-work of any kind call on Camm & Hedges, the principal lumber dealers of Petaluma.

S. H. Shaw returned Sunday evening from Sierra county where he has spent the summer in mining and as an assayist.

Mr. Craven, solicitor for the San Francisco evening Bulletin was in town this week and took a numder of subscriptions for that enterprising paper.

FOR SALE.—Good young horse, suitable for light work, for sale cheap. Apply at this office.

R. S. Landgrebe, cashier in the establishment of Easton, Eldredge & Co., spent Sunday with his brother, W. E. Landgrebe.

Misses Julia Landgrebe and Ethel Thomas went to San Francisco Saturday to attend the Irish Fair and are spending the week there with friends.

Mrs. W. Landgrebe, mother of our new barber, and Miss Ethel Hunter of San Francisco, are guests at the Landgrebe residence this week.

There is but one thing smoother than the politician's tongue these days, and that is the faces shaved by W. E. Landgrebe, near the Sonoma house.

Wm. Glynn and John Landy were up Sunday from Stockton where they are working on the Cross dredger. Billy is the same jolly old boy as usual.

James W. Gibson and G. W. Beatty, candidates for justice of the peace and constable from Glen Ellen were in town Thurday looking after their interests.

G. V. Sullivan, who has been employed as a machinest at the Union Iron Works for the past 20 years, spent Sunday with his daughter at the home of James Albertson.

Mr. and Mrs J. P. Weems entertained a few friends at their ark "Iona" last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A very enjoyable time was spent in rowing, sailing and bathing. Those who enjoyed the pleasures to be had at the Ark were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weems, Miss Bessie Knight Dr. Gottenberg, Mr. R. A. Ringstrom, Frank and Guy Weems.

Mrs. E. Barris of Tulare, Tulare Co., is the quest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Young. Mrs. Barris is a sister of Prof. H. L. Gunn of Napa City.

Miss Alice Keogh, after spending several days here as the guest of Miss Emma Redmond, has returned to her home at Santa Rosa.

The Racket Store at Petaluma sells sewing machines as follows: $70 White for $35; $65 Wheeler & Wilson, $31; Cottage, $25 and $29. All new and guaranteed.

INFORMATION wanted of the whereabouts of JAMES M. TULLER, (supposed to be dead). Important. Write W. S. LOAR, Independence, Missouri.

To The Voters of Sonoma Township

I hereby pledge myself if elected Justice of the Peace of this township, to try all cases belonging to the southern end of the township in Sonoma City.

J. W. GIBSON,
Regular Democratic Nominee for Justice of the Peace.

A Runaway Accident.

Quite a commotion was raised last Saturday afternoon. A horse attached to a cart was seen dashing through the plaza, hitting trees here and there and scattering broad cast beans, rice, rolled oats, meat and other groceries. Just in front of the pavillion the horse became detached from the cart, which was badily demolisded, and cantered through the street. The property belonged to Mr. Queen of Glen Ellen. The horse started as Mr. Queen was getting into the cart to go home, throwing the gentleman to the ground. He received a severe shaking up and a few cuts about the face.

Some Fine Cattle.

Our enterprising butcher, Henry Weyl, whose watchful optics are always on the lookout for the best stock on the market, purchased of the Fair estate last week, forty head of fine two-year-old steers. Mr. Weyl purchased but a short time ago twenty head from the Home for Feeble Minded, and is furnishing his patrons with the best meat that can be had.

High School Notes.

Cricket is still the prevailing game among the girls.

The Middlers are now plunging deep in to geometry

To lessen the expense at the end of the year, the class of '99 has formed an organization, with W. A. Sherman, president, Miss Doris Clewe, secretary, and Bert Jones, treasurer, for the purpose of fining all absent members of the class. The proceeds are to be used for decorations, etc., for the closing exercises of the graduating class.

The "Baby" Juniors who were a little nerveous at the commencement of the term, have become settled to the affairs of the school.

The good looks of the girls of the school, also their ability for speech making, has won for them from the trustees a fine dressing room, fitted out on the tower floor of the school, with chairs looking glasses, stands and lounges.

The class of '99 will soon have a meeting to determine their class colors.

Miss Eva Haughn, who entered the school as one of the most promising Juniors has gone to Vallejo for an indefinite time.

Miss Vinnie Morris, who has been visiting her brother at Camp Barret, returned home Monday evening.

Horace Appleton of the worthy Middlers is again on the sick list.

The Senior class will take an examination in mathematics soon, thereby completing their course in that line.

Deme Gordenker of the class of '97, but now at Berkeley, paid the school a pleasant visit last week.

The Middle class will organize a '00 club next week.

Orator McGimpsey of '00 and Poet Jones of '99, have been entertaining the students with their fame.

Death of Stephen Akers.

Stephen Akers, one of the oldest pioneers of Sonoma valley, died last Tuesday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Cassebohm, at Schellville. Mr. Akers was born in Franklin county, Va. on July 8, 1815, but came to this valley in 1850, where he engaged in farming. For nearly 50 years Mr. Akers has lived in and been identified with the growth and progress of this valley, having filled several positions of honor and trust. For six years he held the office of Justice of the Peace and at one time filled the office of county supervisor. Mr. Akers was a member of Temple Lodge, No. 14, F. and A. M., in which he was a most exemplary member.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Cassebohm, after which the remains were taken charge of by the F. and A. M. order, and interred according to their custom in Mountain cemetery.

Mr. Akers was in Sonoma but a few days since, and called at the NEWS office, where he chatted quite pleasantly, seeming in fair health for so old a man. He leaves a son and daughter, M. P. Akers and Mrs. Cassebohm of Schellville.

GLEN ELLEN GLEANINGS.

M. K. Cady and M. F. Turley had business in Sonoma last Tuesday.

A social hop will take place at the Mervyn hotel next Saturday evening.

Roadmaster Martens is repairing a bridge in the Nun canyon.

Mrs. W. T. Suttenfield is spending a few weeks among San Francisco Friends and relatives.

Our genial townsman, C. J. Poppe and his estimable wife, returned on Monday from the Native Son's celebration at San Jose.

Miss Sarah Cady of the Berkeley Uuiversity spent Saturday and Sunday with her father at this place.

Miss Minnie Coulter, Democratic nominee for superintendent of schools, was in town two days this week.

N. R. Hansen returned last Tuesday evening after a pleasant stay of several days in the metropolis.

The many friends of Judge S. Akers were extremely sorry to hear of his demise which occured last Tuesday.

Isaac W. Wright, who some time since was quite seriously injured by falling from his horse is rapidly improving.

A. Simoni, the genial proprietor of the Roma hotel, had business in San Francisco yesterday.

The picnic of the League of the Cross Cadets of San Francisco was very largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

J. Chauvet is building a residence at Santa Rosa and intends residing there during the vintage season.

Warren Phillips, a U. S. volunteer at the Presidio, was quite ill for some time at this place, but is now improving.

O. O. Webber, Somers B. Fulton and Frank Murphy were welcome visitors to this place on Friday last. They are among the most popular of our county candidates and it will be perfectly safe to put them all down upon the list of "sure winners" on the eighth of next Nov.

Chas. H. Ohm has of late been a frequent visitor to our town, where his only opposition seems to be from a few disgruntled ones who claim that he is sometimes too efficient and energetict in the discharge of his official duties. This fact should be regarded as a high recommendation rather than the contrary on the part of a candidate for the office of constable, whose sworn duty it is to be untiring in his efforts to protect the public against the depredations of evildoers.

It is the opinion of the many friends of R. A. Poppe, in this vicinity, that it was a very unwise act for the county committee to send a representative to Sonoma in order to whip the editor of the "Index-Tribune" into line, as candidates have invariably found it much more to their advantage to suffer the abuse and slander of your erratic contemporary than to be hoodooed by its advocacy. Fortunately, however, the few voters who read that paper will fully understand the situation, so that its support of our popular nominee for the senate can hardly do him much damage on the day of election.

The Grand Lodge of the "Ancient and Benevolent Order of Owls" held their annual installation exercises at Glen Ellen on Tuesday evening last, after partaking of various and sundry refreshments, the following officers were elected for ensuing year: A. R. Harrison, Grand High Ranger; H. R. Martens, Grand Reformer; N. R. Hansen, Grand Lecturer; L. G. F. Atkins, Grand Scribe; M. K. Cady, G. Sent'nl; M. F. Turley, G. Con'r; Dr. G. Z. Hunter, Grand Physician; J. M. Hendley, Grand Treasurer; Ah Gum, Grad Caterer.

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A Social hop will be given at Mervyn Hall, Glen Ellen, Saturday eve., Sept. 17th, 1898. Music by Prof. Darcy and Prof. H. Schieck. Admission 50c. Ladies Free. Supper 25c. A good time for all guaranteed.

IT IS A MISTAKE.

The report is being circulated in regard to the candidacy of J. M. Cheney, for justice of the peace, that if he is elected he will hold court only in Sonoma, while if Mr. Gibson of Glen Ellen is elected he will hold court in both Glen Ellen and Sonoma. This is a mistake. Mr. Cheney informs us that if he is elected he will hold court in Glen Ellen whenever it is more convenient for the litigants and witnesses. We do not blame the people of Glen Ellen for wanting all the peace officers at that town, but think they should be reasonably considerate of the rights of the rest of the township. The election of Mr. Gibson would not only take the justice office to one end of the township, but would also deprive Sonoma of a city recorder, as that office must be filled by a justice of the peace and a resident of the city. It is unfortunate that the laws are such that only one justice of the peace and one constable can be elected in Sonoma township, but since that is the case, the justice should reside in Sonoma. As to constable it makes but little difference as a resident deputy can perform the required duties.

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At the election Nov. 8th 1898.

CHARLES H. OHM
(Regular Republican Nominee)
Is a candidate for election to the office of
Constable, Sonoma T'p.
At the election held Nov. 8th 1898.

SHERIDAN PETERSON
(Regular Republican nominee)
For Assemblyman
For the 17th Assembly District.
Election Nov. 8th, 1898.

R. A. POPPE
(Regular Republican nominee)
Candidate for election to the office of
State Senator
At the election held Nov. 8th 1898.

M. V. VANDERHOOF
(Regular Republican nominee)
For County Assessor
At the election held Nov. 8, 1898.

For Superintendent of Schools
J. E. METZGER
REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.
Election November 8, 1898

For Sheriff
FRANK P. GRACE
REGULAR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
Election November 8, 1898

For Auditor and Recorder
WILLIAM A. MILLS.
REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.
Election November 8, 1898

For Assemblyman 17th District
W. F. COWAN
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For County Surveyor
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Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev O. E. HOTLE, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday.

LODGE NOTICES.

A. O. U. W.
PUEBLO LODGE No. 168; meets every first and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.

F. & A. M.
TEMPLE LODGE No. 14; meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

I. O. O. F.
SONOMA LODGE No. 28, meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.
REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE No. 99; meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

O. E. S.
VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER No. 85, meets in Masonic Hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

O. C. F.
SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 11, meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

N. S. G. W.
SONOMA PARLOR, No. 111, meets every Monday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

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No. 45 meets the first and third Wednesday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

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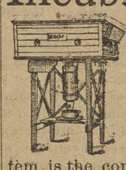
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STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

A Mountaineer Who Highly Appreciated Really Good Cooking.

As a rule the mountaineer of Kentucky is not a gastronomic connoisseur, and the visitor at his table is quite as likely to hear dried apples referred to as "fruit" as he is to find any other kind of fruit on the table. Occasionally, however, one of them is sufficiently fortunate to get away from his fastnesses, and living temporarily down in the blue grass has an opportunity to acquire some virtues not otherwise obtainable. It was such a one I caught up with one morning in June along the ridge of the Cumberlands.

"I'm looking for a place," I said after a few preliminaries, "where I can stop for a week or so while I look up some timber I have in this neighborhood. Do you know of any?"

"There ain't much uv that sort eround here," he replied, "exceptin you go to Mount Pleasant, an I reckon that's too fer. But hol' on," he broke in with a sudden thought, "thar's the Widder Tackett. She axed me yistidy to see some uv you folks at the mill and tell 'em she had a place to sleep and eat two er three men ef they wuzn't too pertickler."

"Is it a pretty good place?" I inquired thoughtlessly.

The young man's face flushed.

"Well, I reckon," he said with some emphasis. "She's goin to be my mother-in-law come next September."

"Oh, I beg your pardon," I hastened to explain. "I only asked to know if she had good eating. Some of that we get in private houses even in the cities, you know, is not the best in the world."

"Cities be derned," he said with a fine feeling. "Yer ain't never tried the Widder Tackett's pie yet, mister, an yer want to keep still till yer do. Ain't nothin like it nowhere, no matter what kind uv a pie she sets afore yer. It's all ne plusibus unum, an no mistake. Why, I'm tellin you that I sot down to one uv her pies last week, dern ef I recomember what kind it wuz, ef I ever knowed, an I wuz eatin right into it like a hot shovel goin into a snow pile, an Bill Rogers acrost the table frum me called me a liar, an I never said a dern word to him tell I had plum e't my pie and got my teeth picked. Dern my buttons ef I did, colonel."

I did not like to inquire further into the mystery of what happened to Mr. Rogers after the last taste of the pie was safely housed by my informant, but I made a fair guess and went on to see the Widow Tackett concerning board and lodging for one man for one week. —Washington Star.

STORY OF A HAT.

Revealing the Secret of Its Two Trips Around a Table.

A number of literary men were at one time gathered in a well known chop-house in New York. The conversation was of course brilliant, and the repartee sparkled with mirth and wit. During a lull in the talk the door slowly opened, and an old southern darky, grizzled with age, poked his head in and then slowly drew his body in after him. A waiter started to eject him, when one of the gentlemen cried:

"Wait a moment. Let's see what the old boy wants."

The darky bobbed up to the table where this gentleman sat and held out his hat. Throwing a wink to his neighbors, the gentleman took the hat and, making a show of placing something into it, passed it on to the next man, who did likewise. The hat made a tour of the room, to the puzzled wonder of the darky. The last to receive it solemnly handed it back with a polite bow, saying:

"There, sir, don't you think you have something to be thankful for?"

The old darky looked solemnly around the company and, mechanically taking the hat, he said:

"Gen'men, I'ze indeed glad dat I got eben de hat back!"

The reply was so thoroughly enjoyed by the company that the darky left the place a much richer man than when he had entered it.—Kansas City World.

The First Teacups.

Even after tea was introduced into Europe and had come into general use teacups were scarce. At the same time coffee was introduced; but, apart from Constantinople, the first coffee cups in Europe date back only as far as 1645 in Venice, 1659 in Paris, 1652 in London and 1694 in Leipsic. From the first, however, the conventional oriental coffee cup, without stem or handle, was little used, and in Germany not at all. The Chinese teacup was used for tea, coffee and chocolate as well. Specimens of porcelain were undoubtedly introduced into Europe in the middle ages, yet not till the sixteenth century were cups imported from China in any great quantities, and even then it was as articles of vertu. Most of those found their way back into China again, as collecting porcelain is a lasting fad there, and high prices are paid for good specimens. The collection of Chinese porcelain, if only the genuine specimens are desired, requires immense study and knowledge, as the Chinese are skillful imitators and put numerous falsifications on the market.

That Grand Air.

"Papa, I want a pug dog. They's so 'ristocratic lookin."

"Bobby, what do you mean by aristocratic looking?"

"W'y, they looks like they'd git hop pin mad if they had ter git a'quainted with anybody."—Brooklyn Life.

It is estimated that there are no fewer than 70,000,000 Europeans who wear wooden shoes. Basswood is ordinarily employed for sabots, but willow is the best material.

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WHY AND WHEREFORE.

I know not whence I came,
I know not whither I go,
But the fact stands clear
That I am here
In this world of pleasure and woe.
And out of the mist and murk
Another truth shines plain—
It is in my power
Each day and hour
To add to its joy or its pain.

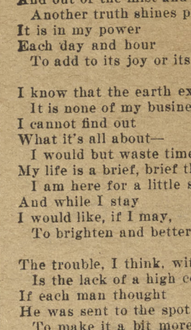
I know that the earth exists,
It is none of my business why.
I cannot find out
What it's all about—
I would but waste time to try.
My life is a brief, brief thing,
I am here for a little space,
And while I stay
I would like, if I may,
To brighten and better the place.

The trouble, I think, with us all
Is the lack of a high conceit;
If each man thought
He was sent to the spot
To make it a bit more sweet,
How soon we could gladden the world,
How easily right all wrong,
If nobody shirked
And each one worked
To help his fellows along.

Cease wondering why you came;
Stop looking for faults and flaws;
Rise up to-day
In your pride and say:
"I am part of the first great cause.
However full the world,
There is room for an earnest man;
It had need of me
Or I would not be—
I am here to strengthen the plan."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Forum.

THE SKIPPER OF THE PHANTOM TUG.

I.



A DARK-EYED girl was standing on the starboard side of a cutter rigged smack. Her gaze was fixed upon a small black object that danced on the choppy waters a boat's length ahead. A young seaman was stationed at the helm. He was dividing his attention between the girl and the black object.

"Ready?" said he.

"Ay!"

She had bared her brown, rounded arms to the elbows and adjusted her red cap that held in check her unruly hair, and she now bent over the bulwark, her hand outstretched in readiness to seize the floating thing as the smack skurried by.

"A black bottle," she cried, and the next moment she had it in her grasp and was holding it aloft, the water dripping from her arm. "Look, Steevie! I wonder if there's anything inside?"

"Stop a bit, Lottie; we'll soon see.'

Stephen Armstrong fixed the tiller and then sat down upon the deck at Lottie's side. The splendor of the sunset fell slantingly upon their eager faces. The man looked at the bottle and then at the girl.

"It's tightly corked," said he.

Then he held it up between his bright eye and the golden light.

"It's a letter!" said Lottie, peering over Armstrong's shoulder through the glass. "Why don't you break it?"

He struck the bottle against the bulwark and a slip of paper fell upon the deck at their feet. At this moment an edge of the tarpaulin that lay across the bow was cautiously raised and a red-bearded man looked out at them with drowsy eyes.

The girl picked up the crumpled slip of paper, hurriedly unfolded it, and read as follows:

"In another half-hour I shall be drowned. Here I'm a-lyin', drove ashore in a dense fog on the East Saltwin Sands, with a fresh breeze a-blowing from the southeast. She was drove on to these sands at 4:30 a. m., about low water. The tide is rising now and breaking over my craft, and I'm alone aboard. The man what finds this document I solemnly makes him my sole heir. In the cupboard of the aft cabin he'll find a pile of golden sovereigns. For I'm an old miser—God pardon me—and I've hoarded my thousands for no earthly good. A just punishment has fallen upon me at last.

"BEN TARBUCK, Captain."

Armstrong stared at his sweetheart, Lottie Sanderson, in blank amazement. For a moment he was unable to utter a word. At last he whispered:

"It's the phantom tug—hush!" and he glanced toward the tarpaulin. "No word to anyone and our fortune's made."

He buttoned up the scrap of paper in the breast pocket of his pilot coat, and cast the broken bottle overboard. Then he resumed his place at the helm, and the smack went lumbering on its tacking course toward the shore.

The man beneath the tarpaulin lay seemingly sound asleep until the smack neared the entrance to Saltwin harbor, when Armstrong shouted:

"Belay there, Redshaw! Harbor lights!"

The night had nearly closed in.

II.

As soon as the smack had run into the small harbor and brought alongside the stone quay, Armstrong went ashore with his girl, leaving Redshaw aboard. They made their way through the town, and entering a lane behind the sheltering sand dunes, presently came in sight of a cottage where a light showed in the window as if to welcome them.

"Lottie," said the seaman, "the Warren farm's for sale. I was just a-thinking what a snug home it'd be for me and you."

"Ah, that was grandad's once," said the girl, "and now I come to think of it, granny prophesied years ago that the farm would be mine some day; and she's a wonderful gift o' prophesying, ain't she, Steevie?"

Lottie had slipped her hand caressingly into Steevie's arm, and now talked of all the surprising things they would accomplish if this dream of wealth were only realized.

Presently they reached the cottage door, and Lottie, raising the latch, led the way into a well-furnished kitchen, where a fire gave out a cheerful blaze. An old woman was crouching in an armchair beside the hearth. She turned her blind eyes searchingly toward them. Lottie ran forward, and bending down greeted her tenderly.

As Armstrong took his seat at the table, where the girl made all haste to lay supper, the young couple exchanged a glance and a nod.

"Granny," the seaman began, "I've brought you a bit o' news—strange news what me and Lottie's just picked up at sea."

Granny Sanderson's face became animated. She craned her neck toward the speaker and said:

"Good news, I reckon! It's in the ring o' your voice, Stephen, plain as can be. What is't, my lad?"

Armstrong hastened to relate the incident of the black bottle, and then he read the amazing document which had come to light.

The woman listened intently, and when he had concluded sat silent for a while. At last she said:

"Who knows o' this?"

"Nobody," said Armstrong, "'cept us three what are here together."

"Nobody? Was you and Lottie alone aboard?"

"Redshaw was aboard, o' course. But he don't count," said Armstrong; "'sides, he was asleep, weren't he, Lottie?"

Granny Sanderson shook her head shrewdly.

"There's them what sleeps with one eye open," said she. "I knows 'em."

"What do you mean?" retorted Armstrong. "My mate ar'n't one 'o that sort! Whatever's put such a thought into your head?"

"Ah, my lad! I've allus held as you was too confiding. It's in your natur'. Now, lookee here! If you takes my advice you'll not lose a minute putting to sea. Why, bless me," said she, "it wouldn't surprise me if Redshaw were there afore you. Mark me!"

Stephen Armstrong had pushed away his plate while Mrs. Sanderson still spoke. He now rose hastily and said:

"I'm not afeer'd. I've a mind to take Redshaw alonger me to-night. Why not? I'll need a hand, I'm thinking."

"Go alone," said Granny Sanderson. "Leastwise, don't you trust Redshaw in this business, Steevie, if you hope to steer back into Saltwin harbor alive!"

Armstrong turned angrily away and put his hand upon the latch. Lottie sprang toward him.

"Let me come with you!" said she.

"No!" the woman interposed, rising and taking a step gropingly toward them. "I forbid it. You stay alonger me."

Armstrong went out, enraged beyond measure at the thought that his old mate, with whom he had put to sea almost daily, in fair weather and foul, for ten years and more, should be suspected of treachery. He had always put implicit trust in Redshaw, though he could not deny that the man had his faults. He was given to drinking at times more than was good for him, and his mates were not always the men Armstrong would have chosen. Still he had never known Redshaw to act in a way that he could call underhanded, and he would not mistrust him now.

He had reached the edge of the sand dune, where he could gain a clear view of the moonlit sea. He cast a glance toward the harbor.

"What!" the exclamation came like a cry from his lips, and next moment he was running in wild haste toward the shore.

III.

Redshaw lingered aboard the smack after Lottie Sanderson and Armstrong had gone.

He sat on deck smoking his short clay pipe and looking yearningly to seaward. As soon as it was fairly dusk, however, he began to bestir himself, lighted a ship's lantern, and collected together a few articles needful for a short sea trip. These articles he carried on board a skiff almost alongside. Then he loosened the ropes, adjusted the oars noiselessly and glided out of the harbor into the open sea. He now hoisted sail and turned his boat's head in the direction of Saltwin Sands.

The wind had freshened and the skiff rose and fell and ran forward over the dark waters with increasing speed. At first the clouds overhead were dense and lowering, but scarce had Redshaw got clear of the harbor when the night showed signs of brightening, and the curious moon occasionally looked down upon the little craft out of black, ragged clouds.

The gleam lit up Redshaw's face, revealing a look of intense greed. Once or twice the man glanced over his shoulder like one who half dreads pursuit; but his more frequent look was directed to seaward with an untiring search.

An hour—two hours went by, when a faint ray of light fell athwart the water a short distance ahead.

At the same instant Redshaw sprang to his feet and peered eagerly over the bow. Presently the boat's keel grated upon a sandbank, bringing the skiff to a gradual stop. The man found himself in two feet of water, and with his seaman's knowledge of the bearings there was no reason to doubt that his boat had ran upon the sandbank for which he had designedly steered.

It was low tide, and the moment he had made the skiff secure, he began to wade through the surf toward the light which now glimmered hard by. He soon grew convinced that it came from a ship's cabin. Suddenly he stopped.

"Wait a bit!"

He pulled a bowie-knife from his pocket, opened the dagger-shaped blade, and clinched the handle between his teeth. Then he stepped forward with a look of purpose. The light soon proved to be one that came from a cabin window on the port side of an old tugboat. Redshaw caught at a bit of a rope, and hauled himself hand over hand up the boat's side until he could peer into the cabin.

A strange sight met his glance. The light of a swing lamp fell upon a small, wrinkled man in a pilot cap.

He stood in water up to his knees, and he laughed with a shivering sort of laugh, and plunged his hands into the water and fished up handfuls of sovereigns that glittered the more through being wet. The old skipper gloated over each handful as he flung the coins with a clinking sound upon a shelf in a cupboard, on a level with his head.

Redshaw clung to the rope, staring like one spell-bound at the weird figure. Then he climbed noiselessly on deck, and crept round to the cabin door. He found it open. With stealthy tread he descended the ladder, the bowie knife now behind his back, tightly clutched in his right hand, a villainous look in his eyes.

But of a sudden—at the very moment that Redshaw crouched down with intent to make his spring—the grim old mariner fixed his glittering eye fearlessly upon him.

The man paused, once more completely aghast, deprived of all volition.

"Ah! You've come, have you—come to claim it—my gold?" cried the skipper as he shivered and laughed again. "No, no—I bayn't dead yet, mate. The tide's been and turned, just in the nick o' time. It were a-washing clean over the deck at nightfall, when I sent that 'ere bottle adrift, and I thought as how I was a drowned man. But it's been running out ever since, the tide has, mate—running out, till it's give me the chance to touch my gold—touch it once more!"

He broke into a wilder fit of shivering laughter now, and bending down, plunged both hands into the water. At the same instant Redshaw regained his will power and leaped forward. But as he lifted his knife with the thought to strike, a masterful grip was put upon his wrist, and he was thrown back upon the ladder, crushed and stunned by the fall.

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When Redshaw recovered consciousness he found himself lying in the bow of the little skiff, still at anchor upon Saltwin Sands. A gray, foggy dawn was breaking over a calm sea. He raised himself upon his elbow and looked around. A dismantled craft was drifting before his eyes upon the flood tide. Her stern was turned directly toward him, and upon it he read, painted in large, white letters:

"PHANTOM TUG,"

as it vanished into the mist.

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It was Armstrong who had saved Ben Tarbuck from his mate's treacherous blow. The Phantom was subsequently towed into Saltwin harbor. But Tarbuck never fully recovered from that night upon the sands; and before Lottie had become Stephen Armstrong's wife the skipper died, leaving the bulk of his wealth to his preserver.

Redshaw never showed his face inside Saltwin harbor again; though, had he acted honestly, he might possibly have shared his mate's good luck; but in his over-reaching after Tarbuck's gold, he had lost all.—Answers.

FOOLSCAP PAPER.

Was First Made by Order of the Rump Parliament.

"Nearly everybody knows what 'foolscap' paper is, but there are probably few people who know just how it came to bear that name," said a large wholesale stationer in New York to the writer yesterday. "In order to increase his revenues Charles I. of England granted certain privileges amounting to monopolies, and among these was the manufacture of writing papers, the exclusive right of which was sold to certain parties, who grew wealthy and enriched the Government at the expense of those who were obliged to use such paper. At that time all English paper bore the royal coat-of-arms in water marks. But when the Parliament under Cromwell came into power it made sport of this law in every possible manner, and among other indignities to the memory of Charles it was ordered that the royal arms be removed from the paper, and that a fool's cap and bells should be used as a substitute. When the Rump Parliament was prorogued these were also removed; but paper of the size of the Parliamentary journals, which is usually seventeen by fourteen inches, still bears the name of foolscap in England.

"In this country foolscap was used largely by lawyers, writers and other professional men for copying purposes until a few years after the civil war, when a smaller single sheet of paper, known as legal cap, was introduced. Then came the typewriting machines, requiring the manufacture of a paper of suitable size for copying, and to-day there is very little demand for foolscap outside of a few school rooms.

Dietetics.

We used to have old-fashioned things, like hominy and greens,
We used to have just common soup, made out of pork and beans;
But now it's bouillon, consomme and things made from a book,
And pot au feu and Julienne since my daughter's learned to cook.

We used to have a piece of beef—just ordinary meat—
And pickled pigs' feet, spare ribs, too, and other things to eat;
While now it's fillet with ragout, and leg o' mutton braised,
And macaroni au gratin, and sheep's head Hollandaised;
Escallops a la Versailles—a la this and a la that—
And sweetbread a la Dieppoise, it's enough to kill a cat!
But, while I suffer deeply, I invariably look
As if I were delighted, 'cause my daughter's learned to cook.

We have a lot of salad things, with dressing mayonnaise;
In place of oysters, blue points, fricasseed a dozen ways;
An orange roly poly, float and peach meringue, alas—
Enough to wreck a stomach that is made of plated brass!
The good old things have passed away, in silent, sad retreat;
We've lots of highfalutin' things, but nothing much to eat.
And while I never say a word, and always pleasant look,
I have had sore dyspepsia since my daughter's learned to cook.
—Southwestern Medical Record.

Color-Blindness Unknown to Women

In the course of an interesting discussion which followed the reading of a paper on color-blindness the other day, a most curious statement was announced—to the effect that, after long research, not a single case of woman suffering from this defect could be discovered.

When a girl announces that she has a girl visiting at her house, she usually adds, "You ought to hear her play!" No, we don't want to.

Old people cannot act cute, and they should not try it.

The Magic of a Word.

A party of gentlemen but recently returned from a metropolitan city tell a new story on the leisurely bellboy. They were stopping at a big hotel, and on the first evening of their visit were seized with a mighty thirst, but which they believed plain ice water would assuage. One of them stepped to the bell-push. It was one of those new fangled things built on the principle of a dollar typewriter. You turn the hand around the dial till it points to what you want, then you press the button, and the business office is supposed to do the rest. The instrument was caused to register ice water a number of times in the regions below, but there was no response. The thirst kept on increasing and the gentlemen got hot in the collar. One of them spoke of going down and challenging the clerk and the bellboys to a boxing match.

"No, don't do that," remarked one of the gentlemen. "Just watch me—I'll bet I'll get 'em."

He pranced over to the bell, yanked the crank around to "champagne" and let it drive. In an incredibly short time there was a knock at the door, and the boy stuck his head in.

"Champagne, gentlemen?"

"No, just bring us some plain, everyday, common water with ice in it. We rang for champagne just to catch you napping. Now get a move on you."—Galveston News.

Shore Cargoes Shifted.

"Once in awhile we read," said Mr. Bozzle, "that the ship So-and-so or the steamer So-and-so has returned to port, or has arrived perhaps with 'a decided list; cargo shifted.' Sometimes we see a land craft, a truck, with cargo shifted—a big pile of boxes, towering high, shaken over to one side or the other by continued jolting along on the side of the street on the slope.

"A load thus shifted can't be shaken back by running along on the opposite slope of the road. It is like a stick of wood that has been bent and kept bent till the grain is set. Whatever you do with it the crook stays in.

"If care is exercised in turning corners and in navigating generally, the shifted load can usually be carried to its destination as it is without upsetting, though it may work harder. The experienced truckman knows just what can be done with it, and whether it has shifted as far as it will go, and all that. If it is so badly shifted as to make the operation of the truck difficult or dangerous, he hauls to one side by the curb and anchors—that is to say, he halts and unloads the shifted top courses of his cargo and then reloads and makes everything trim and secure and sets out again."—New York Sun.

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While the blue crab is not commonly thought of as a swimmer and does in fact spend the greater part of its time on the bottom, yet it can very easily sustain itself in the water and swim at a very fair rate of speed. It swims endwise, and when swimming it carries one big claw thrown forward and bent back at the middle joint, making a point projecting at that end of the body, while the other big claw trails straight out astern. If it changes direction, it crooks the claw it had been carrying straight and lets the other go free. If it sustains itself in the water without progressing, it carries its big claws in front of itself as it would naturally do under ordinary circumstances on the bottom, but it has to keep its little claws in motion to sustain itself, and in swimming the little claws are kept actively at work. Besides making a good degree of progress through the water in swimming the blue crab can change its course or swim to a higher or lower level with facility. When frightened, the blue crab moves off sideways, but when moving about at home and undisturbed it may move straight forward. Its body may be inclined at any angle to the line of progress, but its motion still be forward, the big claws carried crooked around in front. It may be seen moving thus in one of the larger tanks at the aquarium, in which there are blue crabs, lobsters and other things. The temperature of the water now just suits the crustaceans, and they are very lively. Blue crabs may be seen swimming here, and also walking about, stepping down from stones that are as high as they themselves are wide with perfect dignity, if not grace of manner, and walking or carrying their claws before them.—New York Sun.

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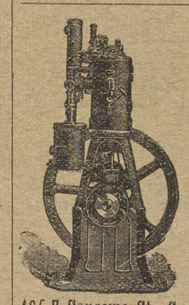

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